

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending herein. Claim 1 has been amended as supported by page 6 of the specification, for example. Claim 5 has been amended as supported by Fig. 21 of the present application, for example. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 has been amended in light of the amendments to claim 1 and the cancellation of claim 4. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

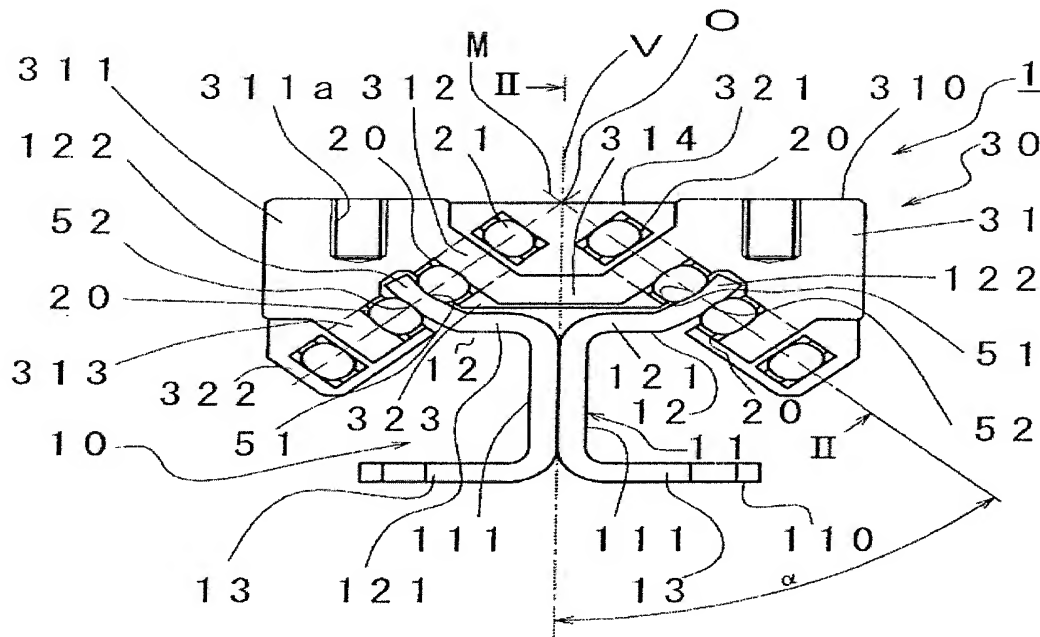
1. The objection to the specification is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.
2. The objection of the drawings is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.
3. The objection to the amendment under §132(a) is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.
4. The rejection of claims 1-10 under §112, first paragraph is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.
5. The rejection of claims 1-10 under §112, second paragraph is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above.
6. Claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under §102(b) over Teramachi. To the extent that this rejection may be applied against the amended claims, it is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a rolling guide apparatus comprising a track rail and a movable block. The track rail comprises a central plate portion, first and second rolling member contact plates projecting outwardly from the central plate portion, and first and second fixed plates projecting outwardly from the central plate portion. Claim 1

has been amended to clarify that each of the rolling member contact plates have a horizontal portion located at a root side adjacent the central plate portion and an inclined circular arc portion located at a projecting side opposite the root side.

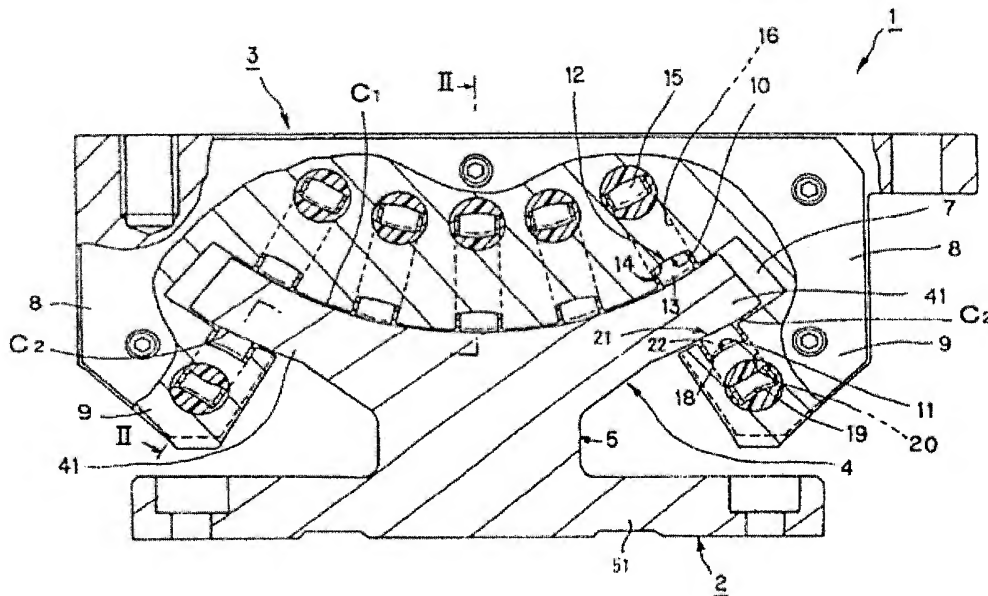
The Examiner is respectfully requested to view the present claim language in light of the present specification and drawings. As shown in Fig. 1, reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience, and described on page 6 of the original specification, the rolling member contact plates (projecting portion 12) each have a horizontal portion 121 and an inclined arc portion 122. The rolling member contact plates (projecting portions 12) bend at right angles to an end of the central plate portion to form the horizontal portion 121. In other words, the horizontal portion 121 is explicitly defined within the specification to be a portion of the rolling member contact plate (projecting portion 12) that is bent at a right angle to one end of the central plate portion 11 of the base plate 111.

FIG. 1



Teramachi discloses, in Fig. 1 (reproduced below), a central plate portion 5, first and second rolling member contact plates 41 and first and second fixed plates 51.

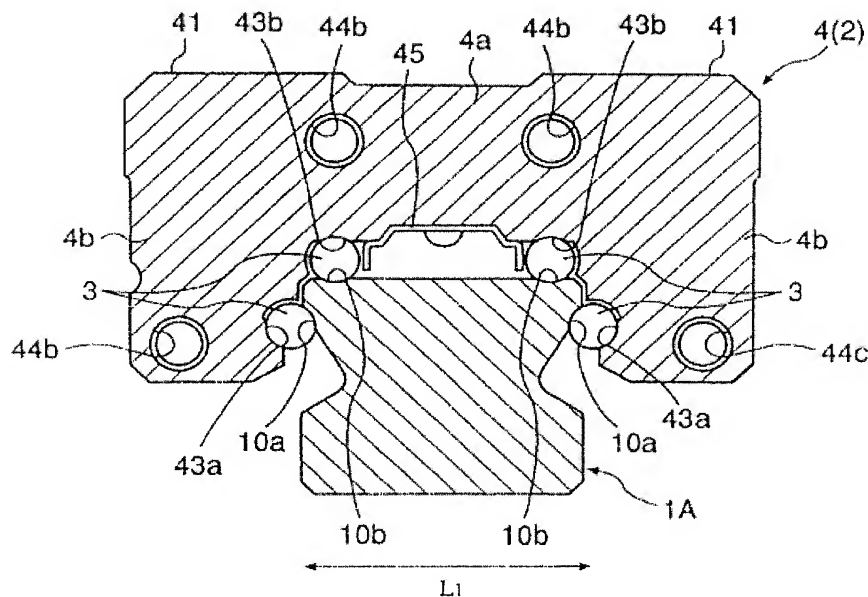
The first and second rolling member contact plates 41 of Teramachi include an arcuate upper surface and a lower surface having an upwardly angled portion 4 adjacent the central plate portion 5 and a remaining arcuate portion 21. There are no horizontal portions shown on either of the first and second rolling member contact plates.



For at least the foregoing reasons, Teramachi fails to disclose or suggest a rolling guide apparatus comprising a track rail comprising first and second rolling member contact plates projecting outwardly from a central plate portion, each of the rolling member contact plates having a horizontal portion located at a root side adjacent the central plate portion, as recited in claim 1. Since claims 3-7 depend directly from claim 1, those claims are also believed to be allowable over the applied prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection are respectfully requested.

7. Claims 1, 3 and 6-8 were rejected under §102(b) over Michioka. To the extent that this rejection may be applied against the amended claims, it is respectfully traversed.

Michioka discloses, in Fig. 3 (reproduced below), a central plate portion, and first and second rolling member contact plates 10b, 10a projecting outwardly from the central plate portion. The first and second rolling member contact plates 10b, 10a of Michioka extend from the central plate portion in an angular or arcuate fashion such that there are no horizontal portions, as explicitly defined in the specification of the present application, located on the rolling member contact plates 10b, 10a of Michioka. The upper surface of the central plate portion of Michioka is clearly not a projecting part that projects outwardly from any part of the central plate portion.



For at least the foregoing reasons, Michioka fails to disclose a rolling guide apparatus comprising a track rail comprising first and second rolling member contact plates projecting outwardly from a central plate portion, each of the rolling member contact plates having a horizontal portion located at a root side adjacent the contact plate, as recited in claim 1. Since claims 3 and 6-8 depend directly from claim 1, those

claims are also believed to be allowable over the applied prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection are respectfully requested.

8. Claim 2 was rejected under §103(a) over Teramachi in view of Willard. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments submitted above distinguish claim 1 from Teramachi. Since Willard does not overcome the deficiencies of Teramachi, and since claim 2 depends directly from claim 1, claim 2 is also believed to be allowable over the applied prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection are respectfully requested.

9. Claim 9 was rejected under §103(a) over Teramachi in view of Chen. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments submitted above distinguish claim 1 from Teramachi. Since Chen does not overcome the deficiencies of Teramachi, and since claim 9 depends directly from claim 1, claim 9 is also believed to be allowable over the applied prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

10. Claim 10 was rejected under §103(a) over Teramachi in view of Yamagisawa. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments submitted above distinguish claim 1 from Teramachi. Since Yamagisawa does not overcome the deficiencies of Teramachi, and since claim 10 depends indirectly from claim 1, claim 10 is also believed to be allowable over the applied prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the Change of Attorney's Address filed October 5, 2006.


If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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